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3,829,180	8/13/74	Gardner	Pad Construction for Tilting Pad Thrust Bearing
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4,639,392	1/27/87	Nels et al.	Clutch Plate Member Having Layer of High Durability, Self-Conforming Friction Facing
4,828,728	5/9/89	Dimigen et al.	Dry Lubricated Bearing
5,615,758	4/1/97	Nels	Fabric Arrangement and Method for Controlling Fluid Flow

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6,065,579	5/23/00	Nels	Synchronizer Blocker Rings Used in Manual Transmissions
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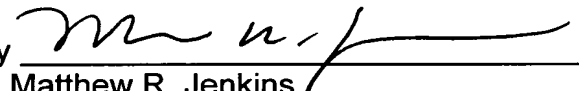
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